

Erie County Opiate Task Force

Community Education and Prevention Committee

Goals

- Educate the community about the current opioid epidemic in Western New York and addiction in general
- Provide awareness, guidance, and direction to those directly and indirectly impacted by the crisis
- AND promote, encourage and educate the community about prevention

What we have done/are doing

- Sponsor or promoted forums, resource fairs, trainings, panel discussions, etc.
- Continue to promote social media presence via Facebook and You Tube
- DEA National Prescription Drug Takeback Day-October 28, 2017

School Messaging

- Curriculum has been developed
- Target audience--teachers, counselors, principals, vice-principals, etc.
- Curriculum has been shared with superintendents
- Teams from local treatment and prevention organizations are ready to “hit the road”
- Train the Trainer

Drug Courts

- Meeting with local drug court reps in September to continue dialogue to determine what the role of the drug courts is in the epidemic

Community Groups

- Reaching out to community block clubs/leaders to work on programming in the City of Buffalo